



HERALD SPORTS

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College Football Elevens Show Several Players From This Area

Short cuts from the world of sports:

Football brochures from area colleges are coming in at a rapid pace and several schools have players who are well-known to area prep fans.

My thanks to Roy Pearson and the recreation department for the award presented to me for coverage of the 1973 athletic programs.

Kings Mountain will be sponsoring a men's church team softball tournament early next month and it's anticipated that around 30 teams will enter the event.

State Players Working Hard

A Kings Mountain little league all-star team, comprised of players from the National and American Leagues, finished second to Dallas in the Shelby Moose Club Invitational tournament Saturday.

Kings Mountain's state championship Babe Ruth all star team met a group of parents and other "oldtimers" at City Stadium Saturday afternoon and, believe it or not, the oldtimers won 8-4.

Larry Smith, 1972 NASCAR rookie of the year from Lenoir, became the first Talladega 500 fatality Sunday when he was killed when his car hit the wall.

N. C. State football coach Lou Holtz says he's heard that most of his players have been working out hard during the off-season, anticipating another good year in '73.

Rhea Still Holds LR Record

Our condolences to Shelby Daily Star sports editor Frank Ballenger on the recent loss of his 17-year-old daughter, Pam.

Two University of North Carolina track stars, Reggie McAfee and Tony Waldrop, will carry the banner of UNC and the United States in the World University games in Moscow next week.

Former Kings Mountain High football standout Ronnie Rhea still holds the all-time Lenoir Rhyne pass interception record for a single game.

Dick Thompson, head coach at East Gaston High School, was disappointed when only 56 prospects came out for football. Over 100 had originally indicated that they would play.

Saturday's a big day for Clemson football coach Red Parker. It's the first time he'll see his new team in pads. Parker has installed a veer offense and plans to use it most exclusively the triple-option which made his Citadel teams so successful.

Have you heard about the new women's pro football team out in Los Angeles? Reports are that the defensive line averages 208 pounds per player.

KM Mountaineers Hope To Improve With Age

It wouldn't be fair to ask Kings Mountain High football coach Bobby Jones to predict how his team will do during the upcoming 1973 grid campaign.

Jones, you see, is working mostly with new faces as his Mountaineers prepare for their August 31 opener at Bessemer City.

The Mountaineers lost 15 players off last year's 6-4 team and of the 35 gridders seeking a starting berth, only eight are seniors.

"It's really too early to tell right now," Jones said, "but it looks like we have pretty good athletes."

Inexperience appears to be the biggest problem right now. "We might look rusty for a while," noted Jones, "but when we get some of these kids that have never played before in some ball games they should come along pretty good."

Jones says the Mountaineers will be better off depth-wise than last year but depth could present a problem in the backfield if injuries take their toll.

The Mountaineers have only three experienced backs but Jones says their "three of the best backs" in the Southwestern Conference.

Tony Falls, who was all-conference last year as a sophomore, returns at quarterback. Falls has been hampered somewhat by a shoulder injury not related to football but is progressing.

Johnny Byers, a junior, and Darrell Van Dyke, a senior, are the returning running backs and both have looked good in early drills. Byers led the team in the ground gaining department last year.

There was some speculation that Jones would move Falls to a running back position to make room for Chuck Austin or Steve Southwell at quarterback but Jones said "right now" Falls is his quarterback.

"Austin and Southwell are both looking pretty good," he said, "but Tony is a much better runner." Since KM's triple-option attack is geared for a running quarterback, it's almost certain Jones will stick with Falls as the field general.

"Right now, we'd start Falls," he said, "but it really depends on how things go. If one of our running backs would be injured, it might be that we'd have to move Tony to a running back since we're shy in that department."

Donnie McDevitt, a sophomore with promise, will likely get the call at fullback but Robbie Eng, a senior out for varsity football for the first time, is also looking "learning."

Jimmy Thompson, a sophomore who led the junior varsity in several running departments last fall, could help out in the backfield. Jones said his fullbacks are...

Jones will have a pair of new ends, probably Carl Roseboro, a 223-pounder, at tight end and either freshman William Thompson or sophomore Chris Johnson at split end.

Glenn Moss and Wayne Dixon, a pair of lettermen, and John Morrison are the centers.

The defense will show some changes, starting at ends where Jones will probably have Chris Laughter and Roy Putnam, two lettermen. Laughter shows signs of developing into one of the team's better linemen on defense.

Roseboro will move to a tackle on defense, where he will be joined by another newcomer, Mike Shipp, and Moss will move to a guard along with Bell.

Hogue will probably be joined at linebacker this fall by Eng and Van Dyke. Southwell and Falls have the edge in the secondary but Johnson and Jimmy Thompson will play a lot.

Jones says the team hasn't experienced any major injuries thus far "but several people have been slowed down with blisters and bruises." Falls didn't practice in heavy equipment the first week because of his shoulder injury.

Jones feels his club, like good wine, will improve with age. "We have a good group of boys," he noted, "and they seem to want to play and improve. It will be a decent year, we should be ready next year because just about everybody will be coming back."

Speaking of depth, Jones commented, "We have a lot of kids that I wouldn't be scared to play. We're better than we've been depth-wise."

"We're definitely rebuilding," he concluded, "but I still think we'll have a good ballteam."



CHURCH CHAMPIONS — Pictured above is the Second Baptist team which swept the regular season and tournament titles in the men's church league softball race.

Second Baptist Tops Bethlehem For Church Title

Second Baptist copped the long-delayed championship game of the local church league softball tournament Tuesday night at City Park, defeating Bethlehem Baptist 11-1.

The game had been rained out in the top of the sixth inning three weeks ago. The teams had not been able to complete the game due to other teams having priority of the field.

Neither team could manage a breath in the final two innings and the score remained as it was three weeks ago when the game was called.

Second Baptist thus became the first church league team in history of the local league to sweep both the regular season and tournament titles. Second Baptist copped the regular season title in a hotly contested race which also involved Macedonia, Bethlehem and El Bethel.

Second Baptist placed three players on the nine-man all-tournament team. They were Gary Oliver, Sonny Jackson and Dewitt Guyton. Other all-tourney selections included Lawrence Bolin and Tim Echols of Bethlehem, David Bullocks of El Bethel, Ronnie Hamrick of Allen Memorial, Gary Smith of Temple Baptist and Mike Winders of First Wesleyan.

Second Baptist now advances to the state church tournament in Asheboro August 22-25. Second Baptist's regular season record is 20-4.

Dodge That Broke 200 To Go To Darlington

DARLINGTON, S. C. — The first stock car to run over 200 miles per hour on a closed course, the 1970 Dodge Daytona, will be presented to the Joe Weatherly Stock Car Museum during the pre-race show for the 24th Southern 500, Labor Day, Sept. 3.

Driver Buddy Baker and car builder Cotton Owens will present the keys to Museum Director Floyd Lane and Raceway President Barney Wallace.

The car was built by Owens in his Spartanburg, S. C. garage, driven by Baker to victory in the 1970 Southern 500 and donated to the Museum by the Chrysler Corporation.

Owens and Baker were the major forces in getting Dodge to donate the duplicate copy of Dodge Daytona No. 6 to the Museum.

"I guess this has to climax one unforgettable weekend in Darlington," beamed Owens. On Saturday night prior to the 1970 Southern 500, Owens was inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame. Some 48 hours later, Baker drove Owens' Dodge into Darlington's victory lane. It was his first win at Darlington, where his father, Buck, has scored three times.

"That Darlington win had to be the highlight of my racing career. When they dropped the checker flag on me, tears were rolling down my cheek. I had to wait 30 minutes after the race to even talk about it. I was too choked up. Really, I can't tell you what it means to me to have this car in the Joe Weatherly Stock Car Museum. I'm glad to be a part of the history of stock car racing," Baker said.



WOMEN'S CHURCH CHAMPS — The Oak Grove team, shown above, won the regular season title in the women's church league race and finished second to Mall's Memorial in the tournament.

National League All-Stars Lose In Final Game

The Kings Mountain National League all-stars lost to defending Champion Columbus County Thursday night 2-0 in the championship game of the North Carolina Dixie Youth (little league) baseball tournament in Whiteville.

The local club, coached by Bob Short, Darrell Forbes and Rick Moore, had defeated Norwood 8-7 Wednesday night to reach the finals against the same Columbus County team which stopped KM 3-0 in the tournament's opening game on Monday.

The National Leaguers thus became the first Kings Mountain little league team to make it to the finals of the state tournament and was the second kid baseball team from this town to play for a state championship this summer. The other team, of course, was the Babe Ruth all-stars, which won the state title.

Ronnie Wilson, who hurled a no-hitter against host Whiteville in the quarter-finals, went all the way on the mound for Kings Mountain in the final game and took the loss. Kings Mountain managed just one hit, a single by Bryan White.

National BR Tourney Begins

MANCHESTER, N. H. — Nine teams are ready to start play here on Aug. 18 in the 22nd annual Babe Ruth World Series.

Jefferson City, Missouri will face Falls Church, Virginia in the 6 p.m. opener on Aug. 18. Host Manchester will meet East Anaheim, Calif., in the second game.

Lexington, Ky., and Beaverton, Oregon — both appearing in the series for the first time — are matched in the first of four games on Sunday. Puerto Rico goes against Monterrey, Mexico. Prince Georges, Md., meets the winner of the Manchester - East Anaheim game.

Monterrey and East Anaheim also are in the Babe Ruth classic for the first time. Hawaii's defending world champions failed to survive play in the Pacific Southwest region.

Special guests at the series will be Mrs. Babe Ruth, widow of the famed home run king, and Mel Allen, voice if the Yankees for many years.

The double elimination series for the 13-15 year old boys winds up on Aug. 25.



EYES FINAL YEAR — Dennis Hogue, guard-linebacker for Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, eyes his third and final year as a starter as the Mounties prepare for their August 31 opener at Bessemer City. Hogue is one of 13 returning lettermen who hope to lead the Mountaineers to a better season than the 6-4 mark a year ago.

Young Eyes Banner Season For Wolfpack

RALEIGH. In coming years, when alumni think of landmarks to a 4-55 clocking in the 40-year dash during spring drills, many will think of the Bell Tower, the brickyard, railroads trains, Reynolds Coliseum and Charley Young.

Charley Young? Yes, Charley Young, one of State's four stalwarts. From his fullback spot last year, Young rambled for a whopping 52 yards per carry and seven touchdowns to earn a listing among the Atlantic Coast conference leaders in three of rushing and scoring.

Currently, Charley is preparing for his senior season, the one he hopes will be his best yet. It opens Sept. 8 in Carter Stadium against East Carolina.

Though Young has often been overshadowed by two teammates, all-conference performers Willie Burkin and Stan Fritts, his size and speed make him a



THIRD PLACE TEAM — The El Bethel women's softball team, shown above, placed third in the league tournament last week. Pictured, first row, left to right are assistant coach Robe (Kale, Diane Swafford, Pa. Ida Peterson, Patricia Kala, Kathy Reynolds. Second row, same order, assistant coach Jim K. O. Patricia Cash, Jeanne Wyle, Carolyn Edwards, Patricia Cash and Louise Wyle. Back row, Beverly Edwards, Linda Beard, head coach Ruth Camble and Tecky Eng. Not pictured Sara DeBuller and Beth Windberger.